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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE ON GREEK REGIME

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1. SUMMARY; SOVIET PRESS FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS HAS CITED GREEK AND WESTERN SOURCES TO EXPRESS UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE VIEW OF NEW GREEK REGIME. COMMENT AND REPORTS PORTRAY NEW GOVERNMENT AS RETURN TO 1967 STYLE DICTATORSHIP AND EXPRESS SCEPTICISM ABOUT ANY POSITIVE CHANGE IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA DECEMBER 4 CARRIES STORY BY LOCAL ATHENS CORRESPONDENT MENSHIKOV REPORTING CRITICISM OF GOG PROGRAM BY S. STEFANOPOULOS. ACCORDING TO REPORT STEFANOPOULOS SAID POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PORTIONS OF PROGRAM UNSATISFACTORY; POLITICAL BECAUSE GOG INTENTIONS REGARDING NEW CONSTITUTION REMAIN FOGGY AND ECONOMIC BECAUSE PROGRAM SPELLS OUT NO CONCRETE STEPS TO STEM INFLATION.

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3. SAME CORRESPONDENT (PRAVDA DECEMBER 2) SAYS ALTHOUGH CENSORSHIP OF MEDIA IMPOSED NOVEMBER 17 HAS BEEN RESCINDED, WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES REPORT GENERAL IONNADIS TOLD ATHENS POLITICAL EDITORS THAT THEY COULD CRITICISE PAPADOPOLOUS BUT THAT CRITICISM OF NEW REGIME WAS FORBIDDEN.

4. ARTICLE BY GREEK CP LEADER FLORAKIS IN DECEMBER 1 SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA SAYS NOVEMBER 25 COUP NOTHING MORE THAN ATTEMPT TO SAVE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC REGIME. FLORAKIS ASSERTS DEMAGOGIC MANEUVERS OF NEW REGIME IN TRYING TO BLAME PAPADOPOULOS FOR ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ACTIONS WILL FOOL NO ONE, AND GREEK PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE STRUGGLE FOR FUNDAMENTAL REFORMS AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT: WHILE PRESS COVERAGE OF GREEK EVENTS HAS REMAINED AT A MODERATE LEVEL, WE HAVE NOTED NO FURTHER DISCREPANCY (REFTEL) IN UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE PORTRAYAL OF GREEK REGIME.  
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